

# MAYOR'S DEFENCE BOARD TELLS WORK

Executive Committee's Report Summarizes Valuable Patriotic Work.

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Aided Recruiting for National Service and Assisted Greatly in Draft.

The innumerable effective aids to national defense that have been contributed by the Mayor's Committee on National Defense are summarized in the report of the executive committee which was issued yesterday. The committee was organized and has worked with one unifying purpose, to serve the nation, in so far as a local organization can do so, without regard to partisan political considerations.

The work began October 7, 1915, when the committee held its first meeting. The general committee of 1,000 met on October 23, 1915. One of the first objects accomplished was to arrange for a defence conference of mayors and mayors' committees, and a convention was held in St. Louis at which a permanent organization, called the National Defence Conference of Mayors and Mayors' Committees, was formed, at which the work of local defence was systematized and coordinated.

**Home Defence League Formed.**  
Then the New York organization set about specific tasks. It helped develop the Home Defence League of volunteer police, to work out effective plans for mobilizing transportation facilities and other civilian resources. It studied the Mexican border mobilization.

It obtained 1,000,000 signatures in this city to the loyalty pledge it circulated and it worked actively in encouraging recruiting. Alexander J. Hemphill, chairman of the special committee concerned with recruiting, established relations with all branches of the military service, organized parades and patriotic rallies, employed speakers, used posters and advertising mediums and distributed leaflets containing recruiting information. A sub-committee erected the land battleship "Recruit" in Union Square out of funds got by public subscription. The committee accomplished scores of special recruiting objects through the Battalion of Service Men, helped the British push their recruiting campaign here and after the required quota of draft age was accomplished. It assisted in taking the State military census. It cooperated in the work of the draft boards, supplying information and advice. It procured automobiles for military use and has on its lists the names of thousands of car owners. In six months it secured without cost to the Government \$250,000 worth of automobile service and has served more than sixty patriotic and war organizations.

**Get Contracts for Uniforms.**  
The industrial problem occupied it extensively. The Committee on Industry and Employment found that contracts for the manufacture of Government uniforms had been let without due regard to the importance of New York as a centre of this industry, and that while

all equipped firms in other and less accessible places were being given contracts larger than they could handle, perfectly equipped modern shops in this city, fully capable of meeting the Government terms, had been overlooked. Under the form of contract now proposed the committee hopes to get a proper share of the contracts for New York and to conserve the health of the workers and to prevent their exploitation.

The committee's employment clearing house has proved its value, the report notes, and has supplied often hundreds of trained workers on short notice. Much work was done toward the Americanization campaign, through which the committee set about to teach as many foreign born as could be reached the English language and the essential principles of American democracy. Much work was done toward putting the hospitals of this city on a war basis, a Council of Associated Hospitals having been organized for the purpose.

**Women Show Patriotic Ardor.**  
Glimpses of the patriotic spirit of New York women are caught in the report for half a year of the Mayor's Committee on National Defense. It reveals the energy, intelligence and devotion with which many women volunteered their services.

The committee's report is signed by Miss Ruth Morgan, the active chairman. Mrs. John Purroy Mitchell is honorary chairman. The vice-president is Mrs. William H. Croft, the secretary Mrs. Henry Moskowitz and the treasurer Mrs. V. Everett May. The members of the executive council are Miss Amy Aldrich, Mrs. Frederick L. Crawford, Mrs. James S. Cushman, Miss Virginia C. Gilder, Mrs. John M. Glenn, Miss Anne W. Goodrich, Mrs. William Henry Hayes, Miss Mabel H. Kirtledge, Mrs. Alexander Kohut, Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey, Mrs. V. O. Stupichovich, Mrs. F. Louis Slade and Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany.

The women's committee was formed soon after the United States entered the war, and it has worked in the closest cooperation with Federal, State and city authorities and patriotic associations. Most of its own effective work has been done through standing committees. The committee on agriculture found at the outset that farmers did not want woman help, so the committee began to advertise how useful women can be on farms. That taught the farmers faster than they needed to know, and so a good many women were placed in farm work. Eleven farm units have been working with the committee. Subsequently the committee will have recommendations to make about market gardening within the city.

The standing committee on aliens started out with educational activities, organizing additional classes in public schools and in factories, settlements and shops, so that patriotism and Americanism could be taught to aliens. The committee kept a close eye on foreign language newspapers and on street meetings, so that it would know what the foreign population was thinking and saying. Its ideal is to help to make New York a city of one people with one language, instead of a group of foreign towns.

**Assisted in Census.**  
The committee on the census assisted Director E. J. Goodrich in learning that there are 3,246,377 persons between the ages of 16 and 50 within the limits of the city and contributed immensely in the heavy and detailed work of arraying the facts and figures of the canvass.

The committee on coordination has helped bring together in systematized effort many societies interested in war service. The committee on employment obtained jobs for many women and inspected factories with an eye to just living and working conditions. Other important work was done by the committee on food, industry, publicity, social welfare and volunteers.

# ARMY IS GREATEST OF WESTERN WORLD

United States Has 1,800,000 Men Ready to Fight Germans on Land.

MORE ARE AVAILABLE

Equipment to Be Provided in Quantities Unheard of in Former Wars.

ARMY, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The State Defense Council has received from Washington a statement showing what we are doing in the war and what we are getting for our money, and in accordance with the desire of Gov. Whitman is making it public.

The latest official figures put the number of enlisted men in the armies of the United States at 1,800,000. This is the force that has grown in eight months out of an army that on April 1 numbered only 110,000. Most of them still are in the training camps. Many are not yet disciplined troops, fully equipped and armed for battle.

To lead them there are over 80,000 officers. When the graduates of the second training camp get their first orders, the number will be over 100,000. Of the new American force, over 300,000 men are regulars. In all the world only two regular armies of any size remain—the American and the Japanese. The others all have been swept away in the flood of war. When the first American onslaught takes place, German Landwehr and Landsturm troops will find themselves opposed to an army of professional soldiers.

**Guardmen Well Trained.**

Behind the regulars are the 400,000 soldiers of the National Guard, regular in experience, many of them, thanks to Mexico. After the guard come the 600,000 men of the new National Army. The whole military establishment, with the marines and the auxiliary forces thrown in, numbers a million and a half. The expansion that has taken place is as if Grand Rapids had grown in eight months to be virtually as big as Philadelphia.

The first thing to be done for the new army was to provide shelter and clothing, food and warmth. That large undertaking is all but accomplished. Equally great is the task of providing arms. To arm an infantry division in the civil war meant to provide as many muskets and as many bayonets as there were men in the command. In the present war the job is more complicated. There are rifles and bayonets to be furnished now as formerly. But there also are grenades and gas masks and helmets and trench mortars to be seen to. Each of the four infantry regiments in a division must have 40 trench knives, 12 automatic rifles and three one pounder cannons.

**Comparison Staggering.**  
The 78 men of the machine gun battalion and 5,000 men of the field artillery brigade must have machine guns and three inch guns in numbers that would stagger an armistice even of so recent a period as the war with Spain. Two hundred and seventy-five thousand troops were made ready to fight again in 1898, though only 60,000 of them actually were engaged.

Since Mexico led his million and a half of assorted Asiatics across the Hellespont Europe has seen many campaigns conducted on the grand scale. American battles have been fought as stubbornly, but with smaller forces engaged. There were 2,700,000 enlistments in the Federal army in the civil war. Many of this number were re-enlistments. The highest total engaged at any one

time was reached in the last year of the war. On March 31, 1865, the Union army comprised 950,000 men. The Confederate army reached the height of its strength in 1863. Fewer than 700,000 men were under arms in the South at that time.

Both armies in the civil war fought their battles unaided. The new army will fight alongside of a French army of 3,000,000 and British overseas forces amounting to another 3,000,000. Here is a united and firmly coordinated grand army of 1,800,000.

The present American army is the largest armed force the Western Hemisphere ever has seen—unless the Mound Builders were more numerous and pugnacious than we have any reason to believe they were. A million and a half of men! It is as if the entire population of the State of South Carolina or of the States of Nebraska and Wyoming put together men, women and children—so many officers as there are—were suddenly clad in olive drab and organized into companies and battalions. When Great Britain entered the war

it was with a much smaller army. The first expeditionary force numbered barely a hundred thousand. The Kaiser called it a "contemptible little army." Yet without its work at Mons Paris might have fallen. One hundred thousand men, but the encouragement they brought to the French was enough to avert defeat in the first year of the war. It is the hope of the Allies that our new force will be enough in the fourth year of the war to insure victory. If it is not enough America has the men and the machinery to make a greater effort.

**Red Cross Surgeon to Lecture.**  
A lecture on the Russian revolution by Dr. Earl B. Downer will be given at the Plaza Hotel Wednesday evening, December 12, at 8:30, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Bethany Day Nursery. Dr. Downer has been a Red Cross surgeon since the outbreak of the war, serving in Serbia for over a year, and more recently in Russia. The president of the Bethany Day Nursery is Mrs. George A. Helms and the treasurer Mrs. William P. Chapman, Jr.

# 'MASSES' SUSPENDS; PRESSURE TOO HARD

Radical Organ Says There Is No Room in Land for Free Magazine.

The United States Government has put the *Masses*, organ of radical socialism, of pacifism and of opposition to America's participation in the war, out of business completely. Barred from the mails, the *Masses* essayed to continue its life by news stand sales, but the pressure was too great. The announcement that publication has been suspended was made yesterday by the editors.

The *Masses* has made every effort consistent with the intellectual and artistic liberty which is its being to secure from the United States Government the privilege of distribution. If we were a hard working, self-supporting paper we could perhaps find means to exist without consent of the Government, but being what we are, a luxury like truth and beauty, a child of play and energetic idleness, it is financially impossible for us to survive this organized hostility. To those 10,000 friends who bought us and read us and believed in us every month we say farewell until a happier time. We do this with a smile, because it is well understood that our going out is only a proof and authentication of certain prophetic things we have been saying.

**BUTCHER HELD AS HOMICIDE.**  
Accusation Results From Letter of Man on Way to Seafield.  
Just before Giovanni d'Avanzo was led to the scaffold in the Wethersfield, Conn., prison November 16 for the murder of Raffaele Simonelli in New Britain, Conn., September 8, he wrote a letter, the keeper of the prison said, in which he said he was hired to do the murder by his uncle, Vincenzo Ruocco, of 791 East 180th street, The Bronx, owner of a chain of butcher shops in New York. On a charge of homicide based upon the letter Ruocco was arraigned before Magistrate Kroll in Morrisania court yesterday and held without bail for examination to-morrow.

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